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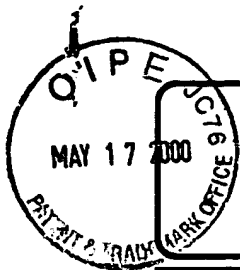
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## CONTINUED PROSECUTION APPLICATION (CPA) REQUEST TRANSMITTAL

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This is request for a ☒ continuation or ☐ divisional application under 37 CFR 1.53(d), (continued prosecution application (CPA)) of prior application number 08/925,868, filed on September 9, 1997, entitled METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR INTERFACING MIXED VOLTAGE SIGNALS.

### NOTES

**FILING QUALIFICATIONS:** The prior application identified above must be a nonprovisional application that is either: (1) complete as defined by 37 CFR 1.51(b), or (2) the national stage of an international application in compliance with 35 U.S.C. 371. A Notice will be placed on a patent issuing from a CPA, except for reissues and designs, to the effect that the patent issued on a CPA and is subject to the twenty-year patent term provisions of 35 U.S.C. § 154(a)(2). Therefore, the prior application of a CPA may have been filed before, on or after June 8, 1995.

**C-I-P NOT PERMITTED:** A continuation-in-part application cannot be filed as a CPA under 37 CFR § 1.53(d), but must be filed under 37 CFR 1.53(b).

**EXPRESS ABANDONMENT OF PRIOR APPLICATION:** The filing of this CPA is a request to expressly abandon the prior application as of the filing date of the request for a CPA. 37 CFR § 1.53(b) must be used to file a continuation, divisional, or continuation-in-part of an application that is not to be abandoned.

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**35 U.S.C. 120 STATEMENT:** In a CPA, no reference to the prior application is needed in the first sentence of the specification and none should be submitted. If a sentence referencing the prior application is submitted, it will not be entered. A request for a CPA is the specific reference required by 35 U.S.C. 120 and to every application assigned the application number identified in such request, 37 CFR § 1.78(a).

- ☐ Enter the unentered amendment previously filed on \_\_\_\_\_ under 37 CFR § 1.116 in the prior nonprovisional application.
- ☒ A preliminary amendment is enclosed.
- This application is filed by fewer than all the inventors named in the prior application, 37 CFR § 1.53 (d)(4).
  - ☐ **DELETE** the following inventor(s) named in the prior nonprovisional application:  
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  - ☐ The inventor(s) to be deleted are set forth on a separate sheet attached hereto.
- ☐ A new power of attorney or authorization of agent (PTO/SB/81) is enclosed.
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  - ☐ PTO-1449
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	MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIMS (if applicable) (37 CFR 1.16(d))			+\$ _____ =	
				BASIC FEE (37 CFR § 1.16)	690.00
				Total of above Calculations =	\$846.00
	Reduction by 50% for filing by small entity (Note 37 CFR §§ 1.9, 1.27, 1.28).				
	* Reissue claims in excess of 20 and over original patent. ** Reissue independent claims over original patent.				TOTAL = \$846.00

6. Small entity status:

- a. ☐ A small entity statement is enclosed.
- b. ☐ A small entity statement was filed in the prior nonprovisional application and such status is still proper and desired.
- c. ☐ Is no longer claimed.

7. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit overpayments or charge the following fees to Deposit Account No. 02 2666:

- a. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.16.
- b. ☒ Fees required under 37 CFR § 1.17.
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8. ☒ A check in the amount of \$ 846.00 is enclosed.

9. ☒ Other: Petition for extension of time/1 month  
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## CLAIMS AS AMENDED - PART II

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